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SUBJECT: ROK BID FOR IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS SEAT

REFS: A) SEOUL 6016; B) VIENNA 7275

1. ON AUGUST 10 EMBASSY RECEIVED ROK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE VERBALE DATED AUGUST 8 (THEIR REFERENCE OGI-UYT) REQUESTING U.S. SUPPORT OF ROK CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO SEAT ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS DURING SEPTEMBER 1977 TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE IN VIENNA.

2. EMBASSY VIEWS ROK CANDIDACY AS POSITIVE STEP TOWARD EXPANDED RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ROLE IN PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. EARLIER STEP IN THIS DIRECTION IS ROK EXPRESSION OF INTENT TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION (REF A PARA 2) WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN URANIUM AVAILABILITY (TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT OF EXPLORATION AND MINING METHODS FOR LOW-GRADE ORES) AND METHODS TO INCREASE ONCE-THROUGH FUEL UTILIZATION FOR PRESENT THERMAL REACTORS (TANDEM CYCLE). WITH PROPER
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TECHNICAL SUPPORT ROK CONTRIBUTIONS IN IAEA FORUM CAN BE EXPECTED TO FURTHER INTERNATIONAL SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SOLUTIONS OF NON-PROLIFERATION PROBLEM. ADDITIONALLY, RECENT STATEMENTS AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL CONTINUE STRESS ROKG PACIFIC INTENTIONS REGARDING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. ON THE OCCASION OF TRADE TALKS IN JAPAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM DUCK-WOO SAID DURING AN

EXCLUSIVE AUGUST 10 INTERVIEW WITH NIHON KEIZEI SHIMBUN, A JAPANESE ECONOMIC NEWSPAPER, THAT ROKG WAS NOT CONSIDERING DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ON AUGUST 11 AT THE SOUTH COAST PORT OF CHINHAE, PRESIDENT PARK CHONG-HUI HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE DEALING WITH WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS. IN ANSWER TO OBSERVATION THAT KOREA'S DAUNTLESS ATTITUDE REGARDING U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS SAID TO BE BASED UPON ROKG POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI STATED KOREA DOES NOT POSSESS NOR PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GREATER ROK INVOLVEMENT IN IAEA WILL FURTHER INHIBIT ADVOCATES OF NUCLEAR ARMS FOR KOREA AND STRONGLY URGES U.S. SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY.

4. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF NOTE VERBALE ARE:

A) QUOTE SINCE ITS ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN IAEA IN 1957, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS BEEN TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE WORK OF THE AGENCY. IT SERVED, AMONG OTHERS, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN THE PAST, AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIUMS OF THE AGENCY HAVE BEEN HOSTED MANY TIMES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE AGENCY. UNQUOTE

B) QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ACCEDED TO
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THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN 1975 AND THUS PLEDGED ITS FIRM COMMITMENT FOR THE PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY. UNQUOTE

C) QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING AND ABLE TO TAKE PART IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE AGENCY'S OBJECTIVE SUCCESSFULLY. UNQUOTE

D) QUOTE THE MINISTRY WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CONSIDERING THE EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD KINDLY EXTEND ITS INVALUABLE SUPPORT FOR THE CANDIDATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE AGENCY.

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